

its 1999 report on medical errors, and the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (JCAHO), in its report on improving the medical liability system and preventing patient injury, recognized the successes of organized anesthesiology in improving patient outcomes. In June, the Wall Street Journal, in a front page article, reported on the unique role ASA and anesthesiologists have played in addressing patient safety in the delivery of anesthesia and in reducing their liability costs, holding up anesthesiologists as a model for other specialties to follow.

Dr. Sinclair received his medical degree from Marquette University School of Medicine in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. After medical school, he served in the U.S. Army's distinguished 101st Airborne Division in Ft. Campbell, Kentucky for 3 years. Following his military service, Dr. Sinclair completed his anesthesiology residency at the Milwaukee County General Hospital and the VA Hospital in Wood, Wisconsin.

Dr. Sinclair is currently Chief, Anesthesia Service at the Orthopedic Hospital of Wisconsin. He has been active in the Wisconsin Society of Anesthesiologists, the Milwaukee Society of Anesthesiologists and the State Medical Society of Wisconsin and Milwaukee Country Medical Society.

For ASA, Dr. Sinclair has served as president-elect, first vice president, speaker of the ASA House of Delegates, delegate, and director. He has also served on numerous Society committees and task forces including the committees on quality management and ambulatory surgical care and the task forces on office-based anesthesia and practice management.

During his year as ASA President, Dr. Sinclair devoted countless hours to the pursuit of knowledge, consensus and education regarding the rare but highly publicized problem of awareness under general anesthesia. He also fostered partnerships with many other leading national medical organizations who share the common goal of improved safety and quality of care for the surgical patient.

These are extremely challenging yet rewarding times for anesthesiologists as they shepherd the most vulnerable of patients—from the tiniest babies to the frailest of the elderly—through the most intricate and, in many cases, life-saving, surgical procedures.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in recognizing Eugene Sinclair, M.D., for his notable career achievements, his exemplary leadership, and his dedication to patient safety.

50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FRANKENMUTH, MICHIGAN BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE

HON. DALE E. KILDEE

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 14, 2005

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, I am happy to rise before you today, and to ask my colleagues in the 109th Congress to please join me in celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Frankenmuth, Michigan Beautification Committee. On Wednesday, September 14, civic and community leaders will join Frankenmuth residents to commemorate this momentous occasion.

The Frankenmuth Beautification Committee was created in 1955 by Village Superintendent Herbert L. Keinath, his wife Edna, Village President Otto Trinklein, former Village President Carl Satow, and Councilman M.F. "Hick" Leslie. These individuals envisioned a group working as one to promote, cultivate, and enhance the city's natural beauty. The original Committee consisted of 11 dedicated pioneers who laid a foundation and structure for the organization: Ed Daenzer, Ellen Felgner, Lena Stromer, Edna Keinath, Liz Zeilinger, Police Chief Henry Zinck, Reverend August Kehrberg, Oscar Rau, Carl Rupprecht, Howard Mueller, and Wally Bronner. Since its inception, nearly 100 Frankenmuth residents have served as part of the Committee.

As the organization has grown over the years, so have its projects. Originally, the Committee's tasks included planting petunias and placing Christmas decorations on Main Street. Today they, with the cooperation of area businesses and organizations such as the Zehnder family, Greater Frankenmuth Area Community Foundation, Wallace & Irene Bronner and Family Foundation, Frankenmuth Women's Club, and many others, are responsible for thousands of floral arrangements, banners and flags, flower baskets that have become one of the city's signature products, and an awe-inspiring display of holidays lights and displays that have become one of the state's largest tourist attractions. In addition, the Committee, under the leadership of Mayor James Wickson, commemorates Arbor Day each year with the donation and planting of more than 100 trees, every year since 1963.

Mr. Speaker, I would also like to acknowledge perhaps Frankenmuth's greatest natural resource, its people. It is the generosity of business owners who donate money and resources, the spirit of community exhibited by its caring residents, and the pride in ownership they all possess, that make Frankenmuth such a warm and welcoming environment, and a wonderful place in which to live. I am grateful to have men and women such as these in my district. Once again, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in congratulating the Frankenmuth Beautification Committee on its 50th Anniversary.

TRIBUTE TO LANCE CORPORAL JOSHUA BUTLER

HON. MARILYN N. MUSGRAVE

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 14, 2005

Mrs. MUSGRAVE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the bravery and heroism of Lance Corporal Joshua Butler of the United States Marine Corps. Lance Corporal Butler's valiant and selfless actions during his tour of duty in Iraq make him a true American Hero.

On the morning of April 11, 2005, only three days after his twenty-first birthday, Lance Corporal Butler helped thwart an insurgent attack against the Marines of India Company stationed at Camp Gannon, near the Syrian border. While standing guard in a lookout tower, an explosive-laden dump truck charged the camp's gate. Lance Corporal Butler opened fire on the truck, causing it to swerve and miss the gate before exploding.

Even though the explosion threw Lance Corporal Butler to the ground and covered him

with debris, he quickly returned to his feet in time to intercept an armored fire truck manned by two suicide bombers bearing down on the camp. Again, Lance Corporal Butler opened fire on the bombers, sending over 100 rounds into the fire truck. The truck detonated without being able to breach Camp Gannon's gate. So powerful was this second explosion, that it sent debris over 400 yards away and hurled Marines from their bunks.

Despite a third suicide bomber attack and over 30 armed insurgents, who at one point cowered behind a group of school children, the Marines at Camp Gannon were able to escape serious injury in large part because of the courageous actions of Lance Corporal Butler. "Butler—that day, that Marine—that's the critical error the insurgents made. They thought they could keep the Marine's heads down. But he gets back up," remarked camp commandant Captain Frank Diorio.

The actions of Lance Corporal Butler and his fellow Marines on April 11th make me proud of our men and women in uniform and grateful for their service. I ask my colleagues to join me in commending Lance Corporal Joshua Butler for his heroism and thanking him for his patriotic dedication to this great nation.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. K. MICHAEL CONAWAY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 14, 2005

Mr. CONAWAY. Mr. Speaker, due to a death in the family, I missed rollcall votes on September 6th, 7th, and 8th. Had I been in Washington, I would have voted:

"Yea," on rollcall No. 454, H. Res. 360, commemorating the 60th anniversary of V-J Day and the end of World War II in the Pacific.

"Yea," on rollcall No. 455, S.J. Res. 19, calling upon the President to issue a proclamation recognizing the 30th anniversary of the Helsinki Final Act.

"Yea," on rollcall No. 456, H.R. 365, to allow United States Courts to conduct business during emergency conditions, and for other purposes.

"Yea," on rollcall No. 457, H.R. 3169, to provide the Secretary of Education with waiver authority for students who are eligible for Pell Grants who are adversely affected by a natural disaster.

"Yea," on rollcall No. 460, H.R. 3673, further Emergency Supplemental Appropriations, Hurricane Katrina, 2005.

"Yea," on rollcall No. 461, H.R. 3669, to temporarily increase the borrowing authority of the Federal Emergency Management Agency for carrying out the national flood insurance program.

"Yea," on rollcall No. 462, H.R. 3668, student Grant Hurricane and Disaster Relief Act.

"Yea," on rollcall No. 463, H. Res. 428, expressing the sincere gratitude of the House of Representatives to the foreign individuals, organizations, and governments that have offered material assistance and other forms of support to those who have been affected by Hurricane Katrina.

"Yea," on rollcall No. 464, H. Res. 427, relating to the terrorist attacks against the United States on September 11, 2001.